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VIA EMAIL

Aaron Zalinsky, Esq.
Office of the Special Counsel

Re: *United States vs. Jerome Corsi, Ph.D.*

Dear Mr. Zalinsky,

As discussed, Dr. Corsi is still working out the details of the plea agreement with me and we have questions and concerns regarding several categories – 1) not reporting the plea to his broker/dealer as you suggested, 2) the factual allocution, 3) timing/potential bankruptcy filing and 4) immigrant work visa.

1. Securities License. Dr. Corsi has a securities license which he will lose as a result of this plea and various FINRA rules regarding disclosure apply to him. I know that Ms. Rhee opined that since this plea would be under seal then Dr. Corsi would not have a duty to report the conviction to his broker/dealer. However, in researching that issue, I think Dr. Corsi cannot keep this secret from his broker/dealer as the law requires him to disclose the plea to his broker/dealer. Dr. Corsi considers the recommendation that he commit a crime to be rather curious – as you represent the Department of Justice. Therefore, if the Office of the Special Counsel is requiring Dr. Corsi to refrain from stating anything to his broker/dealer unless and until the plea is unsealed, then I must ask whether your office can provide immunity to him in the event his broker/dealer, or FINRA, raises the issue of failing to report the plea agreement to the broker/dealer which is a potential violation of the law.
2. Allocution. Over the course six voluntary interviews, Dr. Corsi could not testify that he was ever in touch with Wikileaks and he could not identify any Russian collusion. He did testify that he “wanted nothing to do with Assange/Wikileaks”. While this is, in a sense true – I understand that this plea to making a false claim is predicated on the fact that Dr. Corsi had emails and phone calls wherein he was in fact interested in Wikileaks. He had not had the benefit of reviewing all of his emails prior to the interview and you graciously allowed him to review his emails and amend his statements – which he did. Now, after various amendments to his statements, Dr. Corsi is being asked to affirmatively state that he lied to FBI agents. The issue is that the statements that Dr. Corsi made were, in fact, the best he could recall at the time. From the beginning, Dr. Corsi immediately provided all of his computers, emails, phones, social media accounts, etc., and his intent was always to tell you the truth to the best of his recollection, which he admitted to you, was not very good as these events took place years ago.

3. Timing of Sentencing/Filing Bankruptcy. I understand that the sentencing would not be scheduled for some time and this plea would hang over Dr. Corsi's head until such time as he is sentenced. During this time, Dr. Corsi would not be able to engage in his livechats or other business as the plea requires his silence. Without this source of revenue and without his securities license, we are looking at a situation where Dr. Corsi may have to file for bankruptcy – which has a whole other range of difficulties with disclosure. The insistence in having an indefinite period of time between plea and sentencing puts Dr. Corsi at risk that some unanticipated event in the interim could be used to change your recommendation for no jail time. I would like to discuss these issues with you before my client can agree to proceed.
4. Immigration Case. Dr. Corsi is currently sponsoring his wife's cousin to come to the U.S. from Argentina on a work visa. I am looking into whether the plea must be disclosed to the immigration authorities in reference to this work visa.

Please contact me to discuss these issues.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

DAVID E. GRAY

cc: Jerome Corsi, Ph.D.